का क्या मतलब है ...(व्यवधान). Sir, he is bypassing this House ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: आप वह बात छोड़िए ...(व्यवधान)... इस पर हम जल्दी ही चर्चा रखवा देंगे।

श्री सभापति: मैंने आपको एक बात कह दी है, मैंने मंत्री महोदय से पूछ लिया है, चर्चा हो जाएगी। चर्चा के लिए मैं समय निश्चित कर दूंगा ...(व्यवधान).

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह: वह विद्ड्रा करें ...(व्यवधान).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Amar Singhji, please take your seat. ...(*Interruptions*)... आप में से एक बोल दे कि क्या चाहते हैं। ...(व्यवधान). अगर एक ही बोल दे तो कुछ समझ में आएगा ...(व्यवधान)... बिल्कुल समझ में नहीं आ रहा है कि आप क्या कह रहे हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती वृन्दा कारत: सर, मैं यह कहना चाहती हूं कि इस सदन में ...(व्यवधान). सर, मेरी बात तो सुनी जाए। ...(व्यवधान).

श्री सभापति: अगर एक-एक करके भी बोल दें तो समझ में भी आ जाए कि आप क्या चाहते हैं। ...(व्यवधान). आप बैठ जाइए। ...(व्यवधान). एक मिनट ...(व्यवधान). जो कुछ माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने प्रश्न के उत्तर में कहा है ...(व्यवधान).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, we want an assurance from the Minister that they will withdraw the order ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: बोलिए, आप बोलिए। ...(व्यवधान). मैंने कह दिया है कि चर्चा करा दूंगा। ...(व्यवधान).

डॉ मुरली मनोहर जोशी: देश के करोड़ों आदमियों ...(व्यवधान). सारा सदन इस बारे में एक मत है। ...(व्यवधान).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. ...(*Interruptions*)...

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Adverse Impact of Import of agricultural products

*461. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural products imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to assess the adverse impact of such imports on the domestic growers/producers;

(c) whether it is a fact that this import is driving farmers to commit suicide in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect Indian farmers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The data on total imports and the imports of agriculture products during each of the last three years is as under:

	2003-04 (Rs in crores)	2004-05 (Rs in crores)	2005-06 (April-Sept.) (Rs. In crores)
1. Total Imports	359107.6	490531.7	286358.8
2. Import of Agriculture Product (% growth over previous year)	18825.9 (17.2%)	20185.8 (7.2%)	10383.9
3. Import of Agricultural Products excluding Edible oil (% share of total imports)	6957.3 (1.9%)	9261.9 (1.9%)	5662.8 (2.0%)

Share of Agriculture imports out of total imports is 5% in 2003-2004, 4% in 2004-05 and 4% in 2005-06 (April—Sept.). Of these imports, major share is that of edible oils.

The commodity wise import figures are enclosed as statement, (*See* below).

(b) There has been no comprehensive study on the impact of liberalised imports of agricultural products on Indian Agriculture. Recently the Government has brought out a study entitled 'State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study', as a part of which "Globalisation and Agricultural Liberalisation in India" has also been studied. Based on various measures of import and export competitiveness, the study concludes that most of the important agricultural commodities in India are competitive and that India can withstand competition from abroad with respect of most of the crops.

(c) and (d) To ensure that the farmers of the country are not put to any hardship, the Government has put in place a mechanism for monitoring

the import of sensitive items and undertakes suitable measures including tariff revision. Import duties on a number of items including edible oils (both crude and refined), tea, coffee, copra and coconut, wheat, rice, maize, edible oils, pulses, spices, arecanut and apple have been increased in the last 5 years, wherever necessary. Further, the Government is also implementing a number of development programmes to increase the competitiveness of the Indian farmer. These include introduction of improved farming technology, improved availability of inputs including water, credit and fertilizer and price support through the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).

Statement

Import of Agricultural Products

(Values in Rs. Lacs)

HS Code	Commodity	2003-2004	2004-05	2005 2006 (Upto Septem-ber 05)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Live Animals	344.57	416.40	219.42
2	Meat and Edible Meat Offal.	16.94	130.54	52.81
3	Fish and Crustanceans, Molluscs and other Aquatic Invertabrates.	5171.93	6375.72	2845.92
4	Dairy Produce; Birds' Eggs; Natural Honey; Edible Prod. of Animal Origin, not elsewhere spec. or included.	13307.41	6628.26	1562.94
5	Products of Animal Origin, not elsewhere specified or included.	5015.30	4674.69	2036.92
6	Live Trees and other Plants; Bulbs; Roots and the like; cut flowers and Ornamental Foliage.	900.89	1119.36	712.04
7	Edible Vegetables and Certain Roots and Tubers.	262217.44	197514.50	113282.59

1	2	3	4	5
8	Edible Fruit and Nuts; Peel or Citrus Fruit or Melons.	217492.97	283316.88	160287.84
9	Coffee, Tea, Mate and Spices	52122.39	61862.36	39934.65
10	Cereals.	238.93	613.05	224.81
11	Products of the Milling Industry; Malt; Starches; Inulin; Wheat Gluten.	2841.94	3667.82	1667.08
12	Oil Seeds and Olea Fruits; Misc. Grains, Seeds and Fruit; Industrial or Medicinal Plants; Straw and Fodder.	21294.37	24590.15	13847.89
13	Lac; Gums, Resins and other Vegetable APS and Extracts.	15737.24	20374.43	10792.26
14	Vegetable Plaiting Materials; Vegetable Products not elsewhere specified or included.	788.11	1086.30	572.52
15	Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and their Cleavage Products; pre. edible fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes.	1186859.00	1117977.70	514123.85
16	Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustanceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates.	199.51	364.08	303.63
17	Sugars and Sugar Confectionery.	14550.38	130747.88	69391.24
18	Cocoa and Cocoa Preparations.	6121.17	9209.42	4447.28
19	Preparations of Cereals, Flour, Starch or Milk; Pastrycooks Products.	8560.33	10866.87	5337.72
20	Preparations of Vegetables, Fruit, Nuts or other parts of Plants.	7850.65	8050.15	3495.26
21	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations.	6645.41	7293.14	3813.04
22	Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar.	13771.43	75328.65	64311.86
23	Residues and Waste from the Food Industries; Prepared animal foder.	34850.41	35547.55	22294.20
24	Tobacco and Manufactured Tobacco Substitutes.	5693.67	10823.86	2839.69
	TOTAL:	1882592.39	2018579.76	1038397.46